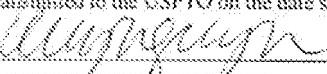


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 20, 2006 for which a response is due on July 20, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 21, 2006 (August 20, 2006 fell on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.